to farmers for cultivation of trees and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to increase this Grant; and

(d) the amount allocated for this purpose during the 8th Five Year Plan and particularly for the State of Haryana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Chilka Project in Orissa

1000. SHRI. JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on Chilka Project in Orissa has been suspended for want of clearance from the Central Government if so, when the Project is likely to be cleared by Government; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the study made by WAPCO about the Project has been rejected by the Central Government; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The State Government of Orissa was advised ' not to undertake construction or other work under the Prawn Culture Project in Chilka lake until an in-depth environmental impact assessment study is carried out through a multi-disciplinary group.

A report on environment impact assessment study of the Prawn Culture Project, prepared by Water and Power Consultancy Services (India) Ltd., has been received from Orissa Government on February 15, 1993. This report is under examination.

हेलिकाप्टर ले जाते हुए ट्रक को जब्त किया जाना

1001. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 25 फरवरी, 1993 को कोटद्वार में कार्बेट पार्क के कर्मचारियों द्वारा एक ट्रक को उस समय जब्त कर लिया गया था जब उसमें चोरी छिपे एक हेलिकाप्टर, एक नाव और अन्य सामान को, जिसका प्रयोग कालाघर बांध में डूबे हुए हेलिकाप्टर को निकालने के लिए किया जाता था, ले जाया जा रहा था;

(ख) क्या उक्त हेलीकाप्टर के संबंध में इंडिया इन्टरनेशनल एअरवेज प्राइवेट लिमिटेड से कोई पूछ-ताछ की गई है; और

(ग) इस घटना के संबंध में क्या कार्रवाई की गई है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) दि इंडिया इन्टरनेशनल एअरवेज प्राइवेट लिमिटेड ने दावा किया है कि हेलिकाप्टर उनका था।

(ग) मालिकों ने जब्त की गई चीजों को छुड़ाने के लिए मुख्य न्यायिक मजिस्ट्रेट, कोटद्वार के न्यायालय में एक मुकदमा दायर किया और न्यायालय ने ये चीजें मालिकों को सौंप देने के आदेश दिये हैं। उद्यान प्राधिकारियों ने पौड़ी के जिला और सेशन जज के न्यायालय में अपील दायर की है, जिन्होंने मुख्य न्यायिक मजिस्ट्रेट के आदेश पर 3 मार्च, 1993 तक रोक लगा दी है।

यमुना नदी में विषाक्त प्रदूषक-तत्व

1002. **श्री शांति त्यागी:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि यमुना नदी में विषाक्त प्रदूषक तत्वों का अध्ययन करने और जैव-प्रबोधन के लिए एक केन्द्रीय योजना तैयार की गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस योजना की रूप-रेखा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह योजना सफल रही है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) केन्द्रीय प्रदूषक नियंत्रण बोर्ड द्वारा जल गुणवत्ता मूल्यांकन के लिए जैव-मानीटरन प्रणाली की एक स्कीम तैयार की गई है।

(ख) जैविक तथा रसायनिक प्रदूषकों पर आधारित जल गुणवत्ता मापदण्डों के लिए सूचकांक तैयार करने हेतु यह स्कीम शुरू की गई थी।

(ग) किसी नदी की जल गुणवत्ता निर्धारित करने के लिए सूचकांक तैयार किए गए हैं तथा इस प्रणाली को अन्य नदियों पर भी लागू किया जा रहा है।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Noise Pollution in the Capital

1003. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that noise pollution is on the increase in the capital;

(b) whether it is also a fact that constant honking of horns and body beating by operators of Red line buses has also added to the noise pollution in the capital; and

(c) details of general steps being taken to curb noise pollution in the capital and specific action proposed in view of this new development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Increase in traffic and congestion leads to increase in levels of noise:

(c) The steps taken by the Government to control noise pollution in Delhi include:

(1) An action Group has been set up by Delhi Administration to curb noise pollution in Delhi. A study is also being conducted by the Jawaharlal Nehru University to suggest specific steps to curb noise.

(2) Ambient air quality standards in respect of noise for different areas have been prescribed. Noise limits have also been prescribed for automobile, domestic appliances and construction equipment to be adopted at the manufacturing stage. Noise limits for automobiles have to be met by 1992, while those for appliances and equipment are to be met by 1993.

(3) Codes of practice for controlling noise from sources other than industries and automobiles, have been evolved by the Central Pollution Control Board. These include: Public address systems, air-craft operation and bursting of crackers.

(4) Other measures to control noise include: declaration of silence zones, regulating the use of loudspeakers, restrictions and use of loud-horns in vehicle, regulating the movement of heavy vehicles and segregating industries from residential areas.

Air Pollution of Rajghat Thermal Power Station

1004. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government had set October 31, 1992 as the deadline for reduction in the air pollution level of Rajghat Thermal Power Station (RTPS);

(b) whether the Air Pollution Level has been brought down to the desirable level; and

(c) if not, what remedial measures the Government propose to take to prevent the massive pollution caused by the RTPS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The deadline for meeting the prescribed standards for all units has been notified as 31.12.1992.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A meeting was held on February 18, 1993 to review the status and the Central Pollution Control Board has been directed to monitor the emissions. Delhi Administration is also regularly monitoring the emissions from Rajghat thermal Power Station to ensure proper opera-